South Dakota Weed & Pest Control Commission Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held at the SDSU Regional Extension Center, 412 W. Missouri Ave., Pierre, SD 57501 on April 18, 2023, at 1:00 pm Central, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered

§§ 12:62:03:01.07

The effect of the rules will be to add wild parsnip to the local noxious weed and declared pest list. This will allow the counties the ability to select locally noxious weeds and pests for their local county listings.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to allow counties to be able to request wild parsnip as a locally declared noxious weed or pest in their county.

At the request of a county weed board, the Commission determined that wild parsnip does meet the characteristics of a locally noxious weed set forth in ARSD 12:62:07:01 and would add it to the listing of locally noxious weeds and pests. This would allow counties to take enforcement actions against landowners who chose not to control wild parsnip.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, or mail or email them to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, Plant Industry Program, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Emailed comments may be sent to: brenda.sievers@state.sd.us. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by this Commission is April 12, 2023.

After the public hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling (605) 773-3623.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources Division of Resource Conservation Forestry Plant Industry Program 523 East Capitol Ave., Foss Bldg. Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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